



THE BREAKING UP OF THE ICE.

Coal Boats Sunk—A Number of Barges Carried Over the Falls—The Melnotte and Swallow Narrowly Escape Sinking—Other Items.

On Sunday the river commenced rising from the effects of the January thaw, which we are now experiencing, and yesterday it was swelling rapidly, having swollen up to the present rising fully two feet at this point and six feet at the Portland wharf. This sudden rise in the river, as we predicted, caused the ice at this place to give way, and it swept over with a crash, which could be heard for a considerable distance.

The very warm weather we have experienced for the past several days, so softened the ice that the destruction of property was not as great as it was feared it would be, yet considerable damage was done. The river was so full of running ice that the mailboat was unable to go out yesterday, but the Jeffersonville ferry, under the supervision of that eminent superintendent, Ed. Buckner, was able to make trips during the day.

A number of coal-boats which were tied to the Jeffersonville wharf near Howard's ship-yard were struck by the ice, and one of them, containing some fifteen thousand bushels of coal, was sunk. To whom the boat belonged we were unable to learn. A barge on this side, about half full of coal, lying just above Clay street, was also cut down by the ice and sank. The coal in these boats will be partially saved.

Along this side of the river from Tow-head to the foot of Second street were a large number of coal-boats loaded, and also a number of empty barges, the majority of which were saved, owing to the precaution the coal dealers had taken by chartering the tow-boat Coe to break the ice during Saturday and Sunday. A number of barges which were lying at the wharf at a point where the current strikes this shore were struck by the ice, and so strong was the current that the large cables with which the boats were fastened to the shore were snapped in two in a moment and the boats were swept over the falls. Upon diligent inquiry we learned that the number carried over the falls was seven, including two wood boats loaded with wood. Upon the wood boats were three men who were unable to get off, and they were carried off with the boats. How the boats passed over the falls amidst the floating ice, which was piling up mountain high, is truly miraculous. The will be able to learn whether there were any persons on the other boats that were carried over the falls.

In the morning the steamer Melnotte, which arrived from Cincinnati for Memphis, with a large and varied cargo, landed near the foot of Clay street, on the outside of the coal boats, where the steamer Swallow was also lying. About one o'clock the Melnotte was struck on the larboard side and smashed and stove in. She shipped water fast, and it was only by the hardest work that she was kept afloat. The boat had steam up and she was run to the center of Tow-head island, where she landed and commenced discharging her cargo. At the time we left her (at half past ten o'clock) the freight in her hold was being removed and one pump was kept continually at work to keep the boat afloat. The hold was filled with whisky, corn and salt, which will be saved in a damaged condition. The Swallow was also caught in the floating ice and narrowly escaped sinking. While endeavoring to extricate herself from her precarious situation, she ran against a flatboat and sank it.

Several narrow escapes from drowning were made. One man was crossing from the Kentucky shore to Tow-head, when the ice gave way and he was thrown into the water between the running ice, and could have met with a watery grave had it not been for some persons near by, who sent him to rescue in a skiff. We heard of several other narrow escapes, but owing to the lateness of the hour at which we returned from the steamer Melnotte, which lies near the Beargrass cut-off, we are unable to make particular mention of all. As far as we were able to learn, no lives were lost.

The gorge above Tow-head, on the Kentucky side, has not yet given way, but will probably do so to day. Some fears are entertained that when this gives way there will be considerable damage done the coal-boats lying at the two heads of the cataract.

KNIGHT.—Yesterday we had the pleasure of conversing with a gentleman just from Knoxville, who informs us that there is skirmishing constantly going on near there, between our forces and the rebel cavalry. Our forces there are in excellent spirits, and will be able to hold their ground against any force that the rebels can send against them. The rebels come into our lines almost daily and surrender themselves. A few days since one party of four hundred came in and voluntarily took the oath of allegiance to the Federal Government. We also learn from some gentleman that in the late attack of Wheeler upon one of our wagon trains, the rebels were repulsed with a loss of one hundred and thirty-one killed, wounded and taken prisoners. Our loss was only four wounded.

THE EVENING NEWS of yesterday we stated that two persons, one of them a female in soldier clothes, had been brought to this city as rebel spies. The woman, whose name is Emma Boston, was once a theater actress of some note in New York city, and the man arrested at the same time was her husband. Mrs. Boston was arrested in Lexington, dressed in Federal uniform, and had, we are informed, just come from the South. The couple were placed in the military prison, where they will be confined until tried by a military court.

BARRACKS ITEMS.—Forty-two convalescent soldiers from different points and due deserters from Cincinnati were received at Barracks No. 1 yesterday. Two hundred and eight convalescents were transferred to their regiments, and the following deserters were sent off to iron: Fourteen to Lexington, one to Camp Nelson, two to New Haven, and fifteen to Nashville. The guard-house connected with the barracks is full of soldiers, arrested for drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

ARREST OF DESERTERS.—On yesterday four deserters were arrested in this city by the Provost Guard. They belonged to the Tenth Ohio and Seventh Pennsylvania cavalry regiments and the Sixty-sixth Illinois Infantry. They were confined in Barracks No. 1, where they will be kept until tried by court-martial. There are present confined in the barracks a large number of deserters—some awaiting trial and others to be sent to their regiments.

During the last term of the Circuit Court Wm. Brockman was convicted of manslaughter, and sentenced to ten years confinement in the penitentiary. His friends here are endeavoring to have the case carried before the Court of Appeals, and we learn that a bill of exceptions has been made out. Brockman was not sent to Frankfort, but is still confined in the jail in this city.

THE Democrat some time since we published the particulars of one hundred and fifty Indians soldiers having fled from exposure and the want of food, while on the march from Cumberland Gap to this place. The meeting is to be conducted by the Rev. S. P. Crenshaw, of the Louisville Conference, assisted by the Rev. J. Davidson.

THE Forty-fourth Indiana, one company of the Sixteenth Kentucky, and one company of the Forty-fourth Illinois, re-enlisted veterans, arrived in the city yesterday.

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WE learn that the gallant Twenty-first Kentucky have re-enlisted, and that they will arrive here to-night on a furlough of thirty days.

THE civil term of the Jefferson circuit court commenced yesterday morning. No business of public interest was transacted.

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Jefferson County Court.

HON. ANDREW MONROE, JUDGE.

MONDAY, January 25.

The following settled accounts were filed and continued thirty days for exceptions: Conrad Koche, executor of Henry Brewer; Mary J. Garrison, executrix of J. W. Garrison; Louis Jacques, guardian of Isabella Jacques; S. S. English, administrator of Caroline Walker; B. J. Webb, guardian of Frederick Schmitz; Noah Hobbs, guardian of Lucretia, Cossevra, Mary M. and James L. Hobbs; Bryan Williams, administrator of Celia Elling; John A. Wiggers, guardian of Elizabeth and Mary Kinderman; Robert E. Hopkins, guardian of John H. Charles M. and Jessie B. Strader and Fannie J. Myers, late Strader; and Henry Hart, guardian of Ella and Irene Barnett.

Wm. A. Hinch, assigned his office in Cross-roads precinct.

A. C. Hays filed petition for renewal of license for a tavern sixteen miles out on the Bardstown road.

John C. Brasfield filed exceptions to the settlement of Henry Dent, administrator of Robert Brasfield.

Adolph Rammers, executor of Henry Bissinger, gave bond without surety, as requested by the will.

James Henrich renewed license for a tavern on Seventh street, planked road.

Lewis Copper had his step-son, Conrad Rapp, bound apprentice to John Lloyd.

F. H. Bronger had license to sell liquors as a merchant.

Joseph S. Jenckes qualified as administrator, with the will annexed, of John P. Bull; D. B. Leight surety. Also administrator of Mrs. Mary Bull; D. B. Leight surety.

The will of Patrick Burk was proved and admitted to record. Margaret Burk qualified as administratrix, with the will annexed; Thomas O'Mara surety.

R. S. Evans qualified as administrator of Mandeville Thibaut; R. A. Logan surety.

O. C. Curry qualified as administrator of George Gano; Samuel M. Risely surety.

Commonwealth by Mary Brown against Patrick Murphy. Attachment ordered; re-arrested with Rodes & Powell, Fulton; reversed.

Wm. Bennett qualified as administrator of Louisville & Nashville railroad company for Wm. C. Warren; signed by Judge Underwood for appellee.

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